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II.(a) Fifty-sixth Annual Re-port and Accounts of the Coffee Board, Biangalore, for the year 1995-96(j together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government On the working of the above Board,

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): *Madam,* I lay On the Table—

I. A copy etach (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-section (4) of Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications: —

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2361/97]

(1) G.S.R. No. 315(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 appointing re garding appearance of 15th day of June, 1997 as the date on which the provisions of certain sections of the Finance Act, 1997, Shall come into force, except the service tax on taxable services specified in certain sub-clauses t)f the Finance Act, 1994,

(2) G.S.R. 316(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 publishing the Service Tax (Second Amend--jnent) Rules, 1997.

(3) GS.R. No. 345(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 bringilig into force with effect from 1.7-97 the Service Tax on the taxable services provided by an air travel agent land a mandap keeper.

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(4) G.S.R.No. 346,(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 pubUshing the -Service Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(5) G.S.R. 347(E), dated the 26th. July, 1997 exempting, if necessary, in the public interest so much of the service tax levi able on a mandiap keeper, as is in excess of the amount of ser vice lax calculated On sixty per cent of the gross amount charg- . ed from the client by the man-dap keeper, for the use of man-dap including the facilities pro vided to the client in relation to such use and also for the cater ing charges.

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(6) G.S.R. No. 348(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 exempting, if necessary in the public inter est from the levy of service tax, that portion of the value of tax able service referred to en sub clause (1) of clause (41) of sec tion 65 of the Finance Act 1994 iwMch is in excess of the torn, mission received by the air tra vel agent from the airline for bookoing of passage for travel by air.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-1360/97 for (4) to (6)]

(7) G.S.R. No. 357(E), da-ted the 2nd July, 1997 appointing 7th day of July, 1997 as the. date on which the service tax on taxable services specified in certain sub-clauses of Section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994 shall come into force.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2360/97]

(8) G.S.B. No. 358(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 publishing the Service Tax (Fourth Ainend-« ment) Rules, 1997.

(9) G.S.R. No. 359(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 exennpting, if necessary, in the public interest the levy of service tax, the value of taxable service rendered by a consulting engineer to ia client *ti* respect of any. Project based in a foreign country subject to the condition that the charges for such services are received in convertible foreign exchange.

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(10> G.S.R. No. 271 (E), da-te the 2ird May, 1997 ameBdr inge Ministry of Finance (De-partrnetit of Bevemuie) Notificaf lien No. 5/e- Service Ta* dated the 3rd April; 1996 exempting the taxable services provided by the telegraph authority to Diplomatic Missions, or members thereof cf 11 more specified countries erom the whole of service tax leviable thereon.

fPlaced. in Library. See No. KT-2222/97]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of tie following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-sectioaa (2) of Section 38 of the Central Eixcise and Salt Act, 1944, t-o gether with explanatory memorattda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 235(K), dated the 29th April, 1997 seeking to papcscribe revised' tariff values on aera*ed waters, genetally kmawn as soft drinks; falling under heading No. 22.02 of the Schedule to *iShe* Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 fsr *the* piusposa of levy of excise duty.

(2) G.S.R. No. 236(E), dated the 29th April, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 2/9i5-CE., S(r as to omit S. No. 2A and en tries relating thereto in the Table annexed to the said notificatioa and the reference to sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9.9 of the Export and Import Policy.

(3) Ge.E. No. 241(B), dated the 3rd May, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No 4/97-CE.,e so aa to exempt steam used with; in the factory of its production fi-om. v/hole of excise duty.

(4ir G.S.R. No.' 252(E), dated, •he 9'h May, 1997 seeking t amend Not'ficatioLi No. 4/97-CB.,e so as to exempt excise duty on vegetable saps and extracts falling under Chapter 13 of the GET.

(5) G.S.R. No. 321(B), dated the 13th June, 1997 providing full exemption from, excise duty to certain categories of goods specified therein.

(6) G.S.R. No, 327(E), dated the 17th June 1997 waiving duty of Excise and Additional Duty of Excise on unbranded chewing tobacco for the period from 1.3.94 *t&* 7.3.94..

(7) G.S.R. No. 242(E), dated the 25th Tune, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 4/47-CH, at the 1st March, 1997 so as *to* exempt from excise dtity sectiritf' prser .cylinder mould vat mafdc falling under heading No 48.02 of the Schedule to the Central ESTcise THe Act, 1985 manufactured by the Security Paner Mill, FBoshangahad, and supplied to the Bank Note Press, Dewas the Currency Note "Press, Nashik; or the INDIA Security Press NashJk,

(8) G.S.R. No. 353(E), dated the 27th June, 1S&7 providing a manufacturer with an alternative scheme of excise duty exemption in terms of which a 'small scale industry' can pay concessional duty-and also avail of the facility of Moeat

(9) G.S.R., No. 354(E), dated the 30th June, 1997 making consequential amendments to Notifi-*nation* Nos. 83 & 84/94.CE., and 3Sro. 4/97-CE., dated the 1st March, 1997 so as to also include a reference to the alternative scheme of small scale exemption as provided in Notification No. Sd/ 9'7 Central Excise dated the 27th June, 1977 and also making consequential amendment to Notification Noe 16/97 Central Excise dated the *l3t April, 1977 as to in-corpo'ate 'hg provision of deter-piinintj tha value based on the MRP.

(10) G.S.R. No. 368(E), dated the 7th July, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 1/95-CE., dated 'he 4th June, 1995. In order to allow receipt of the specified goods without payment of central excise duty into a hundred percent export oriented undertaking of a export processing zone.

[Placed in Library *See* Na, LT. 2314197 for ()1) to (10)

(11) G.S.R. No. 239(E), dated the 1st May, 1997 publishing the Central Eixcise (Third Amendment) Rules 1997.

(12) G.S.R. No. 314(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 seeking to extend the levy of duty at the rate of Rs. 6 per kg on the process of dyeing, printing, bleaching or mercerising of yarns.

(13) G.S.R. No. 329(E), dated fhe 19fh Jime, 1997 seeking to extend the provisions of Section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to cosmetics and toiletries.

(14; G.S.R. No. 330(E), dated the 19th June, 1997 seeking to provide fifty per cent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of deteraiming the assessable value bn which excise duty in respect of cosmetics and toidet-ries is payable.

(15) G.S.R. No. 334(E), dated the 20th Jime, 1997 making consequential amendment of technical nattire to Notification No. 140 83-CE, so as to incorpo rate the revised definitioii of "value" arising as a consequence of the issue of Notification No. iai/97-CE (NT) dated the 19th June, 1997.

(16) G.S.R. No. 356(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 granting exemption from excise duty on Wiaste and scrap of cupro-nickel and aluminium-megliesium cleared from an India. Govt. iMint for conversion into strips of job wt)rk basis.

rPlaced in Library. *See* No. LT-2363/97 for (11) to (16)]

Iir. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 233(1!), dated the 29 th April, 1997 seekiiig to (amend Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated 1st March, 1997 so as to exempt kits required for conversion of motor-spirit driven vehicles into propane driven vehicle upto and inclusive of 31st March, *1998,*

(2) G.S.R. No. 253(E), dated the 12t3h May, 1997 relating to certiain amendments in Notification No. 34/97-CuBtoms dated 7th April, 1997.

(3) G.S.R. No. 269(E), dated the 21st May, 1997 seeking to amend Nbtification No. 11/97-CUS. so as to substitute "Recombinant bovine somtatotropin" in place of the existing entry "Bbvine somatotrain" in item (6) of list I appended to the said Notification.

(4) G.S.R. No. 275(E), dated the 26th May, 1997 seeking to exempt petroleum crude of the Ctistoms Tariff from so much of the additional duty of oustoms as iis eqeal to the cess leviable on domestically produced petro- i leum crude under the Oil In- duBtry Development Act, 1974.

(5) G.S.R. No. 300(E), dated the 2nd Jxme, 1997 seeking ta amend Notification No. 11/97-CTJS. dated 1.3.97 so as to pre scribe concessional rate of basic customs duty to 20 per cent Piicl exempt from additional customs duty certain specified goods re- ibe concessional rate of basic cellvilar mobile service, radio paging service and value added service.

(6) G.S.R. No. 301(E), diated the 3rd June, 1997 seeking to am- end Notification No. 11/97.CUS. dated 1.3.97 so as to prescribe a concessional rate of basic cus-. toms duty of 10 per cent ad Vjalorem on external silicone breast prosthesis.

"(7) G.S.R. Nb. 308 (E), dated the 5th June, 1997 publishing the Project Imports (Amend-ment) ReguTatJions, 1997.

[Placed in Library See No. LT_ 2315/97for (1) to(7)];

(8) G.S.R. No. 249(E), dated May 7, 1997 amending Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated March 1, 1997 so ias to prescribe concessional rates of customs duty On various goods specified therein.

(9) G.S.R. No. 250(E), dat ed May 7, 1997 amending Notifi cation No. 13/97-CUS. dated Miarch 1, 1995 to prescribe a concessional basic customs duty On certain items. ..

(10) G.S.R. No. 276(E) dated May 26, 1997 exempting petro leum crude from so much of the additional duty of customs as is equal to the cess leviiable on do mestically produced petroleum crude.

(11) G.S.R. No. 322(E), da ted June 13, 1997 substituting list 8A of Notification No. 11/ • 97-Ciiistoms with a more comprehensive list of goods eligible for concessional customs duty, if imported for setting up crude petroleum refinery.

(12) G.S.R. No. 373(E), da-' ted July 9, 1997, amending Noti-fiqati'on No. 11/97-CUS., so as ' to speciiftcally prescribe 20 per cent ad valorem basic custom duty on pertain apparatus ,and equipment used mainly in the manufacture of semi-conductors. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2362/97 for. (8) to (12)]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs land Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985: —

(1) S.O. No. 503(E), dated the 16th July, 1997 making am endment in the Table against the specification of 'Small Quan tity' *in* respect of certain Nar-cotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under section 27 of the NDPS Act 1985.

(2) S.O. No. 527(E), dated the 23rd Jtdy, 1997 making am endment in the Table agaihst the specification of 'Small Quantity' in respect of certain Narcotic Drugs and Psychotrou pic Substances imder section 27 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

(3) G.S.R. No. 350(E), dated the 27th June, 1997 publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Pspcha. tropic Substances (Amendment) Rules, 1997. [Placed in Library. *See* Na LT- 2317/97 for (1) to (3)

V. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance

(Department of Company AfEairs), Notification G.S.R. No. 388(E), dated the 15th July, 1997, publishing' the Cost Accounting Records (Sugar) Rules, 1997, under subsection C3) of Section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956.

[Placed in Libr,ary. *See* No. LT-2313/97]

VI. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Noti fications of the iMihistry of Finance (Department of Eenance), unde Section 10 of the Cttstoms Tariff Act,. 1975: —

(i) G.S.R. no 428(B), dated the 29th July, 1997, publish-ing Sie Ceettoms Tatriff (Identification and Assessment of Safe-guard Duty) Rules, 1997 toget-*fmp* with explanatory mensoTan-dum on the Notification. [Placed in Libriary. *See* No. LT-2364/97]

(ii) G.S.R. No. 234(E), dated the 29th April, 1997, seeking to impose anti-dumping duty on Bis-phenol-A exported from the United States of America into India by the exporters.

[Placed in Libriary. *See* NO. LT-*2316/97]*

REPORT OF THE COMMITEE ON PROBLEMS OF COTTON GROWERS

SHRI SOM PAL (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, with your permission I beg to present the Report (in English and Hitadi) of the Committee on Problems of Cotton Ckowers.

AEEOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT BUS/-NESS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I haye to inform Members that the Business *hSmsocy* Committee at its meeting, held on Monday, the 11th August, 1997, allotted time for Gav-